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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN REFUGEES: SAG TO ALLOW PORTUGUESE TO LAND

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1. ACCORDING TO JANUARY 15 STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR CONNIE MULDER, SAG HAS NOW DECIDED TO ALLOW THOSE REFUGEES ABOARD SHIPS OFF WALVIS BAY (REFTEL) WHO ARE PORTUGUESE CITIZENS TO LEAVE SHIPS IF THEY ARE PREPARED TO BE SENT TO PORTUGAL. THOSE WHO SO AGREE WILL BE TAKEN BY TRAIN TO WINDHOEK AND BE FLOWN TO PORTUGAL FROM THERE. MULDER TOD PRESS THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED FULL RRESPONSILITY FOR ITS CITIZENS ON SHIPS AND THAT " THE PRTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS STAFF WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING WHO THE PORTUGUESE CITIZENS ARE".

2. REPORTS INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE 2500 REFUGEES ARE PORTUGUESE WHILE THE REMAINDER ARE BLACK
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ANGOLANS. THESE REFUGEES WILL BE GIVEN " ALL POSSIBLE

HELP FOR HUMANTARIAN REASONS" AND WILL BE PROVIDED WITH
FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. ACCORDING TO MULDER,
HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND AND WILL
HAVE TO REMAIN ON SHIPS AND RETURN TO ANGOLA.
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